

1885.

Rainsford Trophy The Cup That Never Was.

It is believed that no trophy was ever struck for this Knock Out Competition.

The first Australian Cup Final was played at the Sir Joseph Bank's ground on the 12/9/1885 and the team's and player's who did battle for this illusory "Rainsford Trophy" were.

Round.1.

Wanderers	2 v Canterbury	1
Caledonians	6 v Arcadians	1
**** Granville.Lambton Thistles.	Katoomba College(Byes.	
**** Katoomba College	withdrew before the start of the Competition.	

Semi Finals

Calendonians	3 v Wanderers	2
Granville	5 v Lambton Thistles	0

Rainsford Cup Final

Sir Joseph Banks Ground 12/9/1885

Granville	v Calendonians
T.Heathcote	E.Walker
W.Baillie	J.Campbell(0/G
F.McAdams	A.McMillan
D.Rae	G.Fairley
J.Picken	J.Greig
R.Walker	J.Anderson
J.Hotchkiss(1)	A.Coombs
A.Howieson	D.Anderson(1)
P.Adams(1)	W.Johnson(1)
W.McDonald	C.P.Stephens
J.Winters	R.Armstrong

(Umpire)Mr Griffiths.

***Would you please note at full time the score was tied 2x2, and 20x20 minutes extra time was ordered.
J.Campbell scored an own goal in extra time.



"I Did'nt think the poor old
Referee had that bad of a
Game"

1886.

Rainsford Trophy.

Round.1.

Minmi Rangers	3 v	Hamilton Athletic	2
Canterbury	3 v	Wanderers	0
Calendonians	5 v	Ambrose	0
Granville	2 v	Pymont Rangers	1

Semi Finals

Granville	2 v	Minmi Rangers	0
Canterbury	3 v	Calendonians	1

Final Rainsford Trophy

28/8/1886

Granville	2 v	Canterbury	0
T.Heathcote		F.Meredith	
W.Baillie		W.Mathieson	
F.McAdams		H.Capper	
D.Rae		J.Hughes	
J.Picken		H.Weymess	
R.Walker		J.White	
J.Hotchkiss		W.Boston	
J.Anderson		H.Shortus	
P.Adams(1)		C.Shortus	
J.Sorlie		J.Smith	
J.Winter(1)		W.Stephens	

Referee Mr.J.McAlpine.

Played at St Joseph Bank's Ground

1887

Rainsford Trophy

Round.1.

Caledonians	3 v Wanderers	1
Granville	4 v Canterbury	1
Pymont Rangers	2 v Parkgrove	0
Hamilton Athletic	3 v Pymont Rovers	1

Semi Finals

Granville	4 v Calendonians	2
Hamilton Athletic	3 v Pymont Rangers	2

Match played Agriculture Ground Moore Park.

Final Rainsford Trophy 27/9/1887

Hamilton Athletic	4 v Granville	1
J.Dixon	W.Nelson	
R.Jackson	W.Baillie	
Archie Jackson	J.Greig	
M.Liddle	R.Walker	
M.Lambie(1)	J.Picken	
J.Edgerton(1)	D.Rae	
Jockey Stevenson(1)	M.Dickerson	
A.Currie(1)	J.Sorlie(1)	
C.Harrison	P.Adams	
A.Creighton	D.S.Kerr	
J.Finlayson	J.Winter	

Referee.J.McDonald.



"Why" dont have your
watch checked Dear??

The Gardiner Challenge Cup 1888- 1929



There can be no doubt that Association football in New South Wales owes a debt of gratitude to the giver of the Gardiner Cup. The competition, which is open to all clubs affiliated to the New South Wales Football Association, or any of its branches, creates widespread interest, the final match being a regular rendezvous for enthusiasts and supporters, old and young. The trophy, which is of solid silver, is classed as a challenge cup to perpetuity, and is played for on terms similar to those of the celebrated English Cup.

The late Mr. W. Gardiner took a keen interest in sport generally, and football in particular. In the eighties there was a Gardiner Cup in Rugby competition, as well as the one which forms such a noteworthy feature in the history of Association football in this State. Though a resident of London, Mr. Gardiner made frequent visits to Sydney in connection with his business, and was for some years patron of the Southern British Football Association, as the head body was originally termed.

The Gardiner Cup was first played for in 1888, when it was won by the Caledonians. For three years previously there had been similar competitions for trophies, which had been won outright by Granville in 1885, and Hamilton Athletics in 1887. Granville were also the premier team in 1888, and in order to preserve the continuity of champion teams, the names of Granville (twice) and Hamilton Athletics were engraved on the pedestal of the Gardiner Cup.

Before the district system was initiated in 1903, the redoubtable Pyrmont Rangers were frequently in the fore in Gardiner Cup matches. They won the trophy five times, and were runners-up on a like number of occasions. Prior to 1903 Halmains won the cup twice, defeating Pyrmont Rangers in the successive years, 1898 & 99. In only one year was the final fought out by country teams, West Wyalah beating Balgownie in 1901.

Metropolitan teams have won 17, teams from the Newcastle district have been successful in five, while the remaining one went (last year) to a team from the Royal Navy—H.M.S. Powerful. In the last four years the metropolis has, however, only provided one winner, the victorious teams being as follows:—1907, Broadmeadow (Marramatta); 1908, Pyrmont District; 1909, Adamstown (Newcastle); 1910, H.M.S. Powerful.

Gardiner Challenge Cup.

1888.

Round.1.	Joadji(Mittagong)	3 v	Granville	1
	Minmi Rangers	1 v	Caledonians	3
	Pymont Rangers	2 v	Hamilton Athletic	3
	Parkgrove	5 v	North Illawarra	1

Semi Final

Parkgrove	6 v	Joadji	1
Caledonians	2 v	Hamilton Athletic	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Final 25/8/1888

Agriculture Ground Moore Park.

Calendonians	4 v	Parkgrove	2
J.Logan		J.Thompson	
W.Coombs(capt)		A.R.Pringle(1)	
F.McAdams		T.McCreadie	
W.A.Muir		P.McCullum	
J.Greigg		A.C.Mayor	
W.Mair		W.McMillan	
A.Phillips		C.H.Browning	
E.McMenemy		J.Graham(1)	
A.Thorn(1)		R.McAlpine	
C.P.Stephens(1)		D.S.Walker	
S.Gleghorn(2)		G.McAlpine	

Referee Mr.J.Wallace.



Back Row. J. Murray, F. McAdam, J. Logan, W. A. Muir,
 W. McPherson, J. Hardie, A. Phillips, J. Greig
 W. Mair, W. Coombs (Capt) C. P. Stephens,
 E. McMeneny, S. Gleghorn

First winners of Gardiner Challenge Cup 1888

Gardiner Challenge Cup.

1889.

Elimination Matches.

Joadji	2 v Minmi Rangers	1
Granville	4 v Illawarra Rovers	0
Parkgrove	5 v Burwood United	0
Caledonians	3 v Hamilton Athletic	2

Pymont Rangers.(Bye)

Pymont Rangers	3 v Granville	1
Joadji, Parkgrove, Caledonians (Byes)		

Semi Finals

Joadji	3 v Parkgrove	0
Pymont Rangers	4 v Caledonians	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Moore Park 31/8/1889.

Pymont Rangers	2 v Joadji	2
Stephens	E. Henderson	
Gunn	A. Burns (Capt) 1)	
T. Barringham	G. Henderson	
W. Hitchens (Capt)	W. Cowie	
J. Cambridge	C. Mather	
C. Ferrier	J. Kerr	
W. McDougall	J. Dunn	
D. Parker	J. Russell	
T. Ferguson (2)	W. Brown (1)	
A. Best	A. Dock	
G. Davidson	J. Dawson	

Referee Mr. J. Wallace.

Replay 7th Sept. 1889

Pymont Rangers	1 v Joadji	0
Stephens	E. Henderson	
Gunn	A. Burns (Capt)	
T. Barringham	G. Henderson	
W. Hitchens (Capt)	W. Cowie	
J. Cambridge	C. Mather	
C. Ferrier	J. Kerr	
W. McDougall	J. Dunn	
D. Parker	J. Russell	
T. Ferguson (1)	W. Brown	
A. Best	A. Dock	
G. Davidson	J. Dawson	

Referee Mr. J. Wallace

Gardiner Challenge Cup

1890.

Round.1.

Pymont Rangers	3 v Parkgrove	1
Granville	3 v Caledonians	0
Minmi Rangers	1 v Greta Bluebells	0
Balgownie.Lithgow Rovers	(Byes)	

Round.2

Balgownie	2 v Minmi Rangers	1
Granville.Lithgow Rovers	(Byes)	

Semi Finals

Granville	2 v Lithgow Rovers	2
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Replay

Granville	3 v Lithgow Rovers	1
Pymont Rangers	3 v Balgownie	2

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Joseph Banks Ground Botany

30 August.1890

Pymont Rangers	3 v Granville	1
J.Boyd	O.Stephens	
R.Hitchens	W.Baillie	
T.Barringham	H.Capper	
J.Cambridge	P.McKenzie	
A.Harley	D.Rae	
P.Minn	F.Lush(1)	
J.Hogg(2)	C.P.Stephens	
J.Connelly	J.Picken	
C.McDougall(1)	D.S.Kerr	
V.Ewing	J.Winter	
J.Ferguson	W.Stephens	

Referee.Mr.J.Thompson



"You spill a drop"

Gardiner Challenge Cup

1891

Round.1

Granville	2 v Caledonians	1
Parkgrove	8 v Balmain	0
Pymont Rangers	2 v Balgownie	1

Round.2

Parkgrove	1 v Granville	0
Pymont Rangers(Bye)		

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Cricket Ground 8/8/1891

Parkgrove	4 v Pymont Rangers	1
Bennett	J.Boyd	
Reid	Snedley	
Banner	T.Barringham	
Thompson(Capt)	J.Cambridge	
Hotson(1)	R.Mair	
McCreadie	A.Best	
Pringle	H.Muir	
Graham	J.Hogg	
Hendrey(1)	C.McDougall	
Menzies(2)	Ritchie	
Cronin	Noaks	

Referee Mr.J.Wallace



"You didn't pass
your field test
Dear.

Gardiner Challenge Cup

1892.

Round.1

Pymont Rangers	3 v	Balgownie	1
Balmain	2 v	Helensburgh	1
Hartley Vale Comet	0 v	Minmi Rangers	5
Parkgrove	4 v	Granville	1

Semi Finals

Minmi Rangers	3 v	Balmain	1
Pymont Rangers	1 v	Parkgrove	1

Replay

Pymont Rangers	1 v	Parkgrove	1
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Replay

Pymont Rangers	2 v	Parkgrove	1
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Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Burwood Sydney 20/8/1892

Minmi Rangers	3 v	Pymont Rangers	0
M.Burrell		J.Hickey	
A.Jackson		T.Smedley	
J.McCroarie		T.Barringham	
J.McCartney		J.Hogg	
H.Stewart		R.Hitchens	
R.Harden		J.Ferguson	
R.Clarke(2)		A.Mair	
A.Cummock		W.Hickey	
J.Mitchell		J.McIntosh	
T.Campbell(1)		W.Sym	
W.Haddow		T.Hardie	

Referee Mr.J.W.Edgar



"No"sonny I'm not
the minister of
sport.

Low Smedley

Gardiner Challenge Cup

1893.

Round.1.

Helensburgh	2 v	Balmain Thistles	1
Minmi Rangers	3 v	Balmain	1
Granville	3 v	Balgownie	0
Pymont Rangers	2 v	Parkgrove	1

Semi Finals

Minmi Rangers	2 v	Helensburgh	1
Pymont Rangers	6 v	Granville	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

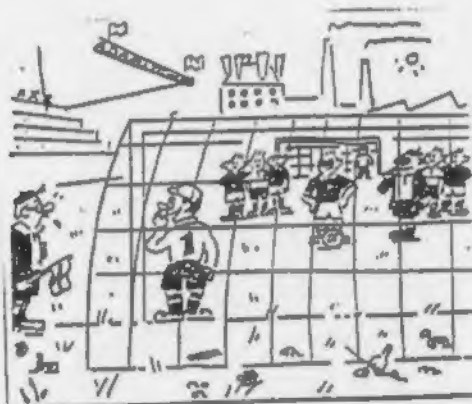
Association Cricket Ground 26/8/1893

Pymont Rangers 1 v Minmi Rangers 0

J.Hickey	M.Burrell
T.Barringham	J.McCroarie
R.Vidal	R.Clarke
R.Hitchens(Capt)	W.Muir
A.Mair	H.Stewart
J.Ferguson	R.Harden
J.McIntosh	J.Curran
A.Martin	J.Mitchell
J.Greig	T.Campbell
J.Hardie(1)	A.Pillans
C.McDougall	W.Caddis

Referee Mr.W.McMillan

***Would you please note that this was the first
Final that Nets were used.



"He always kicks in this corner"

Gardiner Challenge Cup

1894.

Round.1

Parkgrove	3 v Balmain Thistles	0
Pymont Rangers	4 v Granville	2
Minmi Rangers	3 v Helensburgh Boomerangs	1
Balmain(Bye)		

Semi Finals

Parkgrove	2 v Minmi Rangers	1
Pymont Rangers	2 v Balmain	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Cricket Ground 18/8/1894

Pymont Rangers	7 v Parkgrove	2
A.Radcliffe	O.Stephens	
W.Hitchens(Capt)	A.Banner(Capt)	
T.Smedley	R.Hotson	
A.Moore	C.Miller	
J.Greig	A.Cronin	
J.Ferguson	A.Train	
J.Shaw(1)	A.Hotson	
J.McIntosh(3)	W.Banner	
A.Jenkinson(3)	J.Figures(1)	
C.McDougall	H.Gibson	
J.Hardie	C.McCreadie	

Referee Mr.G.Shipton(Helensburgh)

***Please note owing to ground difficulties, this match was played as an early match to a Rugby Union game.

Both Codes sharing the gate 20 pounds each.



"OK, so they're throwing pennies at you. The way you're playing, what do you expect — pound notes!"

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1895

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Pymont Rangers	0 v Minmi Rangers	0
Replay		
Pymont Rangers	2 v Minmi Rangers	1
Balmain Thistles	2 v Adamstown	1
Parkgrove.Balmain(Byes)		

Semi Finals

Balmain	1 v Parkgrove	0
Pymont Rangers	2 v Balmain Thistles	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

University Oval Sydney 31/8/1895

Balmain	4 v Pymont Rangers	1
A.Tomb	A.Radcliffe	
J.Gibson	J.Gannon	
J.Ferguson	R.Hitchens	
A.Ferguson	T.Fox	
J.Holt	J.Greig	
C.Shipton	W.Wilson	
B.Harris(1)	J.Hardie	
T.Thornburn(1)	C.McDougall(1)	
W.O'Connell	A.Jenkinson	
C.Phillips(1)	T.Martin	
J.White(1)	J.McIntosh	

Referee Mr.J.Logan

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1896

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Pymont Rangers 2 v Balmain Thistles 0
 Pymont Volunteers.Adamstown.Balmain(Byes)

Semi Finals

Pymont Rangers 3 v Pymont Volunteers 1
 Balmain 4 v Adamstown 0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

University Oval Sydney 15/8/1896

Balmain	3 v Pymont Rangers	1
J.Hickey	C.Hooke	
J.Gibson	R.Hitchens	
B.Harris	A.Train	
A.Ferguson	T.Fox	
R.Thornburn	J.Gannon	
A.Tomb	W.Wilson	
C.Phillips(1)	J.McIntosh	
W.Banner(1)	C.Lyons	
T.Dick(1)	W.McMenemy	
T.Hotson	J.Greig(1)	
F.Holt	G.Whitmarsh	

Referee.Mr.J.Logan

***Please note Adamstown Semi Final team was.
 Clayton.W.Waugh.Harrison.Harrison (And Correct)
 Hamilton.Wilson.Bartley.J.George.Gillard.Pridue
 Martin



"GREAT" Ladies running the line.

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1897

Gardiner Challenge Cup

**Would you please note that the Southern British Football Association for some reason not given, would not accept any Northern teams this year.

Round.1

Pymont Rangers	7 v North Sydney Rangers	1
Marrickville Pioneers	4 v Aspley	1
Balmain	2 v Pymont Rovers	0
**This match was ordered to be replayed because of ground invasion by spectators.		
Replay		
Balmain	1 v Pymont Rovers	0
Granville(Bye)		

Semi Finals

Pymont Rangers	3 v Marrickville Pioneers	1
Balmain	3 v Granville	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

University Oval Sydney 11/9/1897

Balmain	2 v Pymont Rangers	1
O.Stephens	C.Hooke	
J.Gibson(Capt)	J.Hoyle	
R.Taylor	M.Noakes	
A.Ferguson	G.Gunn	
R.Thornburn	J.Mills	
F.Holt	J.Cambridge	
J.Coyle(1)	C.Lyons	
F.Dey	A.Mackie(1)	
W.McCulloch	C.McDougall	
A.Holt(1)	T.Harrison	
T.Hotson	J.Greig	

Referee.Mr.W.McMillan

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1898

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Pymont Volunteers	7 v Balmain	2
Pymont Rangers	8 v Granville	0
Balgownie	3 v West Wallsend	2
Newcastle West	1 v Adamstown	1

Replay

Newcastle West	3 v Adamstown	1
Pymont Rovers	5 v Joadji	2
Balmain Young Mens Institute	(Bye)	

Round.2

Balgownie	5 v Balmain YMI	0
Pymont Volunteers	8 v Pymont Rangers	1
Newcastle West.	Pymont Rovers	(Byes)

Semi Finals

Newcastle West	3 v Balgownie	2
Pymont Volunteers	4 v Pymont Rovers	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Wentworth Park Glebe Sydney

30/8/1898

Pymont Volunteers	3 v Newcastle West	2
C.Hooke	W.Baillie	
R.Martin	A.Jackson	
A.Banner	Yorky Miller	
J.Train	W.Harrison	
A.Watson	J.Symes	
T.Davis	D.Jackson	
W.Trentholme(1)	J.Joblin	
B.Shaw(1)	W.Humphries(1)	
C.White(1)	J.Harrison	
W.Carey	D.Moore	
W.Banner	T.Harrison	

Referee Mr.D.Gunn

***Would you please note Wallsend Rovers who's entry for this season's Gardiner Cup competition was late in arriving and so was rejected by the BFA.
 "But should Wallsend Rovers nominate as a "NEW" club it's nomination would be accepted.
 The Wallsend Secretary then nominated Wallsend Rovers as Newcastle West and was accepted.

1899

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round. 1

Balgownie	5 v	Balmain (a)	3
Pymont Volunteers	5 v	Adamstown	1
West Wallsend	8 v	Balmain (B)	0
Pymont Rangers (Bye)			

Semi Finals

Pymont Rangers	2 v	Pymont Volunteers	1
Balgownie	1 v	West Wallsend	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Norwood Park Sydney 2/9/1899

Pymont Rangers	5 v	Balgownie	2
A. Baillie		C. Campbell	
R. Fox		C. York	
T. Griffiths		R. Taylor	
J. Hatton		P. Devers	
H. Fox		T. Thompson	
J. Coyle		W. Richards	
A. Herron (1)		B. Brennan	
H. Morrison (1)		T. Brown	
C. White (2)		E. Green (1)	
B. Southward		R. Campbell	
Con Harrison (1)		A. Rae (1)	

Referee F. Austen

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1900

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

West Wallsend	6 v	Balgownie	4
Pymont Rangers	4 v	Y.M.C.A.	1
Pymont Volunteers	3 v	Albions	1
Balmain	4 v	Pymont Rovers	1

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	1 v	Balmain	1
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Replay

West Wallsend	2 v	Balmain	1
Pymont Volunteers	3 v	Pymont Rangers	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

University Oval Sydney 10/9/1900

West Wallsend	3 v	Pymont Volunteers	3
M.Burrell		C.Hooke	
F.Leckie		H.Bridge	
W.Muir		A.Martin	
D.Maunders		Taylor	
R.Harden (Capt)		Wells	
W.Teasdale		Maher	
J.Curran(1)		W.Trentholme	
R.Howie(1)		Keough	
C.Swan(1)		Thompson(1)	
R.Leckie		J.Shaw(1)	
J.Robertson		J.Carey(1)	

Referee Mr.J.Ferguson

Replay

West Wallsend

4 v Pymont Volunteers 1
24/9/1900

M.Burrell	C.Hooke
F.Leckie	H.Bridge
W.Muir	A.Martin
D.Maunders	Taylor
R.Harden(Capt)1)	Wells
W.Teasdale	Maher
J.Curran(1)	W.Trentholme
R.Howie(1)	Keough
C.Swan(1)	Thompson
R.Leckie	J.Shaw
J.Robertson	J.Carey(1)

Referee.Mr.J.Ferguson

WEST WALLSEND BLUEBELLS FOOTBALL CLUB.
GARDINER AND Ellis Cup Winners 1899-1900-1901



WEST WALLSEND 1899-1900-1901
Back ■ Alex Muir, R. Durne, F. Leckie Middle J. Maundrie, W. Teasdale, R. Harden (Capt) Front J. Curran, R. Howie, S. Swan.
R. Leckie, J. Robertson. Officials (left to right) F. McCann, P. Strachan, Dr. Hocking, J. H. Denton, P. Dick, F. Leckie & R. Leckie are brothers, J. Maundrie is the father of Henry and Podge. W. Teasdale became Manager of Cullen Bullen Colliery on the South Coast.

The Cups on the table are Left to Right, Gardiner-Ellis Cups.

West Wallsend record to date is
Gardiner Cup. 1900, 1901, 1921, 1923, 1924, 1926.

Runners Up. 1902, 1915, 1919, 1922.

Ellis Cup Record 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1919, 1921, 1925, 1926.

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1901

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

Pymont Rangers	6 v Pymont Volunteers	3
Sydney Y.M.C.A.	6 v Balmain	0
Balgownie.West Wallsend	(Byes)	

Semi Finals

Balgownie	3 v Sydney Y.M.C.A.	1
West Wallsend	5 v Pymont Rangers	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final 24/9/1901
University Oval Sydney

West Wallsend	4 v Balgownie	1
A.Palmer	A.Campbell	
W.Muir	C.York	
F.Leckie	T.Brown	
R.Harden	H.Clark	
W.Teasdale	P.Reeves	
D.Maunders	F.Jones	
J.Curran(1)	S.Screen	
A.Howie (2)	B.Brennan	
C.Swan(1)	R.Campbell	
R.Leckie	D.Russell	
J.Robertson	A.Rae(1)	

Referee Mr.D.Gunn



"You spilt a drop"

*Cup presented by Mr D Thompson
President of Association*

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1902

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

Pymont Rovers	4 v Granville	1
Sydney Y.M.C.A	2 v Pymont Rangers	1
Adamstown	2 v Pymont Volunteers	1
West Wallsend	3 v Balmain	1

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	1 v Adamstown	1
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Replay

West Wallsend	2 v Adamstown	1
Pymont Rovers	4 v Sydney Y.M.C.A	2

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Cricket Ground 13/9/1902

Pymont Rovers	3 v West Wallsend	1
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J.Geering	A.Palmer
J.Hannon(Capt)	F.Leckie
Groves	W.Muir
P.Timms	R.Harden
O'Toole	D.Maunders
J.Lyons	W.Teasdale
N.Bardsley(1)	J.Curran(1)
B.Halliday	A.Howie
C.Timms(1)	C.Swan
Moore	R.Leckie
Buckle(1)	J.Robertson

Referee.Mr.T.Courtney

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1903

Gardiner Challenge Cup

***Would you please note that this year's Cup was confined to the top (4) Metropolitan Club's only. The South Coast and Northern District British Football Association entered strong protest to the Southern British Football Association, but the protests fell on deaf ears

Semi Finals

Glebe(Sydney)	7 v Granville	3
Pymont	3 v Rozelle	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Epping Ground Forrest Lodge 29/8/1903

Pymont	4 v Glebe(Sydney(2)
P.Ward	A.Hooke
J.Groves	W.Carey
S.Condon	Christie
D.Smith	Harrison
J.Lyons	S.Hilder
P.Timms	Hooke
H.Morrison(1)	Swift(1)
G.Wells(1)	Thomas
C.Timms	J.Carey
B.Halliday(1)	A.Moore
W.Carroll(1)	McCulloch(1)

Referee R.Myles

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1904

Gardiner Challenge Cup

The Cup was again conducted as in 1903, but this time it was necessary to have a play-off to decide the fourth team.

Play-off Glebe(Sydney) defeated Ultimo.

Semi Finals

Glebe

Granville

4 v Rozelle

3 v Balmain

1

2

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final 17/9/1904
Epping Ground Forrester Lodge.

Granville

G.Willicks

W.Liddell

C.Baker

J.Dunn

F.Wardell

A.Peattie

F.Willesford(2)

S.Taylor

B.McGregor

W.Baker

W.McDeed

2 v Glebe

1

Tatham

T.Keith

Christie

Harrison

Hilder

Hooke

Rowe(1)

Swift

Elphick

A.Moore

Smith

Referee J.Gibson

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1905

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Only the top 4 Metropolitan Clubs again allowed into the Cup.

Semi Finals

Balmain	2 v Glebe	0
Rozelle	1 v Pyrmont	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Epping Ground 23/9/1905

Balmain	2 v Rozelle	2
Hughes	W. York	
A. McMahon	A. Verney	
Ferguson	W. Thorpe	
Bell	R. Byers	
Latta	D. Hannon	
Finlay	E. Ross	
Johnson	A. Buckle	
Craig	Andy Chambers	
Deering(1)	T. Keith(1)	
Jackson(1)	A. Anderson(1)	
T. Rose	Arch Chambers	

Referee J. Thompson

Replay

Balmain	2 v Rozelle	1
Hughes	W. York	
A. McMahon	A. Verney	
Ferguson	W. Thorpe	
Bell	R. Byers	
Latta	D. Hannon	
Finlay	E. Ross	
Johnson	A. Buckle	
Craig	Andy Chambers(1)	
Emms(2)	T. Keith	
Jackson	A. Anderson	
T. Rose	Arch Chambers	

Referee D. Gunn

The Book Of Football

1906

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

Adamstown	3 v Minmi Rangers	2
Glebe(Sydney)	9 v Woonona	2
Sydney	4 v Ultimo	4

Replay

Ultimo	1 v Sydney	0
Pymont	4 v Granville	1
Rozelle	5 v South Sydney	1
Balmain(Bye)		

Round.2

Balmain	3 v Adamstown	3
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Replay

Balmain	2 v Adamstown	1
Glebe	3 v Ultimo	1
Pymont, Rozelle(Byes)		

Semi Finals

Glebe	5 v Rozelle	4
Balmain	0 v Pymont	0

Replay

Pymont	3 v Balmain	1
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Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Epping Ground 22/9/1906

Glebe	3 v Pymont	2
W.Splatt	T.Spencer	
J.Christie	J.Denniss	
A.Law	J.Groves	
H.Moore	S.Condon	
S.Hilder	J.Lyons	
C.Harrison	P.Timms	
A.Buckle	J.Davidson	
J.Bennett(1)	W.Carey	
D.Christie(1)	C.Timms	
W.Swift	W.Carroll(2)	
J.Sherringham(1)	W.Parry	

Referee H.G.Collier

1907

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Pymont	2 v Weston	0
Broadmeadow	3 v Navy	0
Balmain	0 v Rozelle	0

Replay

Balmain	3 v Rozelle	1
Glebe(Sydney)	5 v Balgownie	1
Woonona.Corrimal.Petersham.Ultimo.Glebe(Byes)		

Round.2.

Balmain	4 v Ultimo	1
Woonona	0 v Broadmeadow	0

Replay

Broadmeadow	5 v Woonona	1
Petersham	1 v Corrimal	0
Pymont	4 v Glebe	3

Semi Finals

Pymont	1 v Balmain	0
Petersham	1 v Broadmeadow	1

Replay

Broadmeadow	3 v Petersham	1
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Gardiner Challenge Cup Final at Lilyfield 6/10/1907

Broadmeadow	0 v Pymont	0
Bob Elgey	T.Spencer	
G.W.Campbell	C.Miller	
J.Doyle	D.Denniss	
W.Harris	J.Davidson	
W.Maxwell	J.Lyons	
J.George	J.Carey	
E.Clarke	W.Parry	
W.Jennings	W.Carroll	
S.Bartley	A.Collier	
D.Russell	W.Carey	
S.Harris	R.Williams	

Referee J.Simms

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1907

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
 Replay 13/10/1907
 Newcastle Showground.

Broadmeadow
 Bob Elgey
 G.W.Campbell
 J.Doyle(1)
 W.Harris
 W.Maxwell(1)
 J.George
 E.Clarke
 W.Jennings
 S.Bartley
 D.Russell(1)
 T.Jones

3 v Pymont 2
 T.Spencer
 C.Miller
 S.Condon
 J.Davidson
 J.Lyons
 J.Carey
 W.Carroll(1)
 A.Collier
 W.Carey(1)
 B.Halliday
 W.Parry

Referee H.G.Collier

***Would you please Note.

At the end of the 1906 season the Adamstown Rosebud had some very harsh words to say about the Southern British Football Association

Which the Sydney Press supported with the result that the Adamstown Rosebud Club was asked to apologise, or face a 12 months ban from the Gardiner Cup.

Adamstown Rosebud Refused.

Their application to play in the 1907 Gardiner Challenge Cup was rejected.

"Not" to be denied, Adamstown Rosebud nominated as Broadmeadow and was accepted.



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Granville R/V

1908

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

Western Suburbs	4 v Northern Suburbs	1
Pymont	2 v Corrimal	0
Glebe	2 v Helensburgh	2

Replay

Glebe	5 v Helensburgh	3
Broadmeadow	1 v Navy	0
Balmain	3 v Sydney	0
Adamstown	4 v Woonona	0
Granville.Ultimo(Byes)		

Round.2

Glebe	4 v Broadmeadow	1
Adamstown	3 v Ultimo	1
Pymont	2 v Western Suburbs	0
Balmain	2 v Granville	2

Replay

Balmain	0 v Granville	0
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Replay

Balmain	5 v Granville	0
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Semi Finals

Glebe	2 v Balmain	1
Adamstown	1 v Pymont	1

Replay

Pymont	1 v Adamstown	0
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Gardiner Challenge Cup Final 24/9/1908
Sydney Cricket Ground

Pymont	4 v Glebe	0
T.Spencer	L.Bennett	
S.Condon	A.Law	
T.Denniss	J.Smith	
S.Stone	H.Moore	
J.Lyons(Capt)	S.Hilder	
A.Graham	C.Harrison	
J.Davidson	A.Boland	
W.Carey(2)	J.Bennett	
J.Haywood(1)	B.Shaw	
W.Carroll	J.Sherringham	
W.Parry(1)	S.Smith	

Referee H.G.Smith

Cup presented by the State Governor
Sir Henry Rawson.

1919 Adamstown Rosebud, Gardiner & Ellis Cup Winners



Back Row. J. Campbell (V.P) W. Angus (VP) W. Talbot (Patron)
 J. Harrison, R. B. Talbot (Pres) S. J. Bartley,
 W. Waugh (V.P) W. Morgan (V.P)
 Middle Row. J. Jennings (Mgr) W. Davis (Treas) J. Doyle (V. Cpt)
 J. Wallworth, R. R. Elgey (Cpt) A. J. Jennings,
 J. D. Hamilton (Sec)
 Front Row. W. P. Jennings, D. Russell, J. George,
 Master F. Hamilton, E. Price, S. B. Hopton.
 Absent. W. Maxwell, G. Campbell, N. Lee

1909

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Rozelle(A)	2 v	Rozelle(B)	0
Pymont	7 v	Northern Suburbs	1
Sydney	1 v	Newtown	1

Replay

Sydney	2 v	Newtown	1
Adamstown	0 v	Helensburgh	0

Replay

Adamstown	4 v	Helensburgh	2
Glebe	2 v	Granville	1
Balmain.Balgownie(Byes)			

Round.2

Rozelle(A)	1 v	Balgownie	0
Adamstown	3 v	Sydney	0
Pymont	6 v	Balmain	1
Glebe(Bye)			

Semi Finals

Adamstown	2 v	Rozelle(A)	1
Pymont	3 v	Glebe	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Epping Ground Forrest Lodge

Adamstown	0 v	Pymont	0
Bob Elgey		T.Spencer	
R.G.Campbell		J.Miller	
J.Doyle		G.Bradley	
J.Wallwork		G.McGrath	
W.Maxwell		S.Condon	
J.George		S.Stone	
N.Lee		J.Davidson	
A.Jennings		W.Carey	
W.Bartley		C.Timms	
D.Russell		W.Carroll	
W.Jennings		W.Parry	

Referee.J.Hadley

Replay (Same Ground)

Adamstown	3 v	Pymont	1
Bob Elgey		T.Spencer	
R.G.Campbell		J.Miller	
J.Doyle		G.Bradley	
J.Wallworth		G.McGrath	
W.Maxwell(2)		S.Condon	
J.George		S.Stone	
E.Price		J.Davidson	
A.Jennings		W.Carey	
W.Bartley		C.Timms	
D.Russell		W.Carroll(1)	
W.Jennings(1)		W.Parry	

Referee J.Hadley

1910

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1

Adamstown	2 v Sydney	0
Granville(B)	2 v Canterbury	1
Corrimal	3 v Glebe	3

Replay

Corrimal	3 v Glebe	0
Wallsend	1 v St George	0
HMS Powerful	2 v Granville(A)	0
Helensburgh	8 v Newtown	0
Ultimo.Balmain(B)Balmain(A)Rozelle(Byes)		

Round.2.

Ultimo	3 v Granville(B)	1
Balmain(B)	1 v Rozelle	1

Replay

Balmain(B)	0 v Rozelle	2
HMS Powerful.Adamstown.Helensburgh.Granville(B)		
Corrimal.Wallsend.Balmain(A)Byes)		

Round.3

H.M.S.Powerful	3 v Adamstown	2
Helensburgh	2 v Balmain(A)	1
Rozelle	2 v Corrimal	1
Ultimo	3 v Wallsend	0

***Please note that the Southern British Football Association disqualified Ultimo for playing unregistered players(Wallsend did not protest) AND awarded the match to Wallsend.

Semi Final

HMS.Powerful	10 v Wallsend	0
Helensburgh	2 v Rozelle	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final at Epping Ground
Forrest Lodge 3/9/1910

HMS Powerful	2 v Helensburgh	0
W.A.Horton	J.Gilmour	
G.Turner	J.Craig	
G.McEwan	C.Craig	
S.Smith(Capt)	J.Richards	
T.Doherty	W.Pallier	
T.English	W.Stewart	
J.Grogan(1)	B.Jones	
F.Keating	A.Oldfield(Capt)	
T.Chandler(1)	P.Ford	
A.Baxter	B.Murphy	
T.Brooks	S.Dawson	

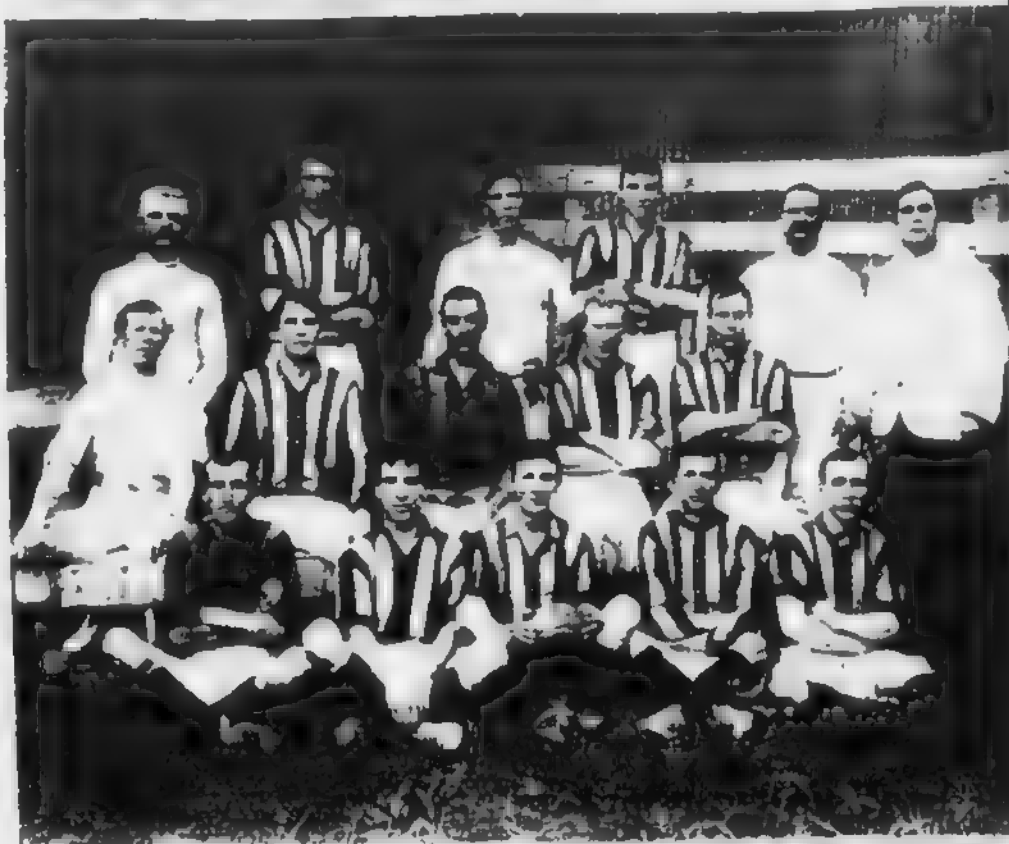
Referee A.Flintoff

**HMS Powerful was a Royal Navy Ship stationed in Sydney Harbour.

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RUNNERS UP IN GARDINERS CUP, SEASON 1910



(Top Row) - J West (Linesman), C Craig, J. Gilmore, J. Craig, D. Boyd (Linesman), & unknown.

(Second Row) - R Stewart (Emergency), J Richards, W Paller, W. Stewart, P. Barton (Emergency).

(Bottom Row) - B. Jones, A. Oldfield (Captain), P. Ford, S. Dowson, B. Murphy

1911 Season

Gardiner Challenge Cup Entries for this year's C.P. were: Appleton, Kintara, West Sydney (A) West Sydney (1) Granville, Granville Shamrocks, Canterbury, Walsley, Newtown (A) Newtown (B), Balmain (A) Balmain (B) Balmain (C), Corrimal, West Walsley, Balgownie, Helensburgh, Northern Suburbs, Glebe, HMS. Powerful, Sydney (A) Sydney (B).

Semi Finals

HMS Powerful	2 v Balgownie	1
Balmain (A)	1 v Balmain (B)	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Sydney Cricket Ground No.2
16/9/1911

Balmain (A)	2 v HMS Powerful	1
A. Hughes	W. Horton	
J. Thompson	G. McEwan	
B. Ferguson	T. McCabrey	
R. Byers	S. Smith (Capt)	
T. Rose	T. Doherty	
J. McDonald	G. Johnson (1)	
W. Robertson	J. Grogan	
R. Pryde (1)	F. Keating	
J. Ferguson	T. Chandler	
A. O'Hehir	A. Baxter	
R. Moore (Capt) (1)	T. Brookes	

Referee F. West



Back Row. D. Davidson, O. Read (Sec) C. Thorpe (Assis Sec)
J. Thompson, A. Hughes, B. Ferguson (V. Cpt) E. McDonald (V. Pres)
Ambulance Man (Unknown)
Middle. J. Dransfield (V. Pres) A. Law, R. Byers, Bert Moore (Cpt)
T. Rose, P. Newman, W. Aitken (V. Pres)
Front. J. McDonald, W. Lockie, Robertson, R. Pryde, J. Ferguson,
A. O'Hehir.

Cup Presented by Vice Admiral King Hall

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

BALMAIN VITE GARDENERS CUP.

H.M.S. POWERFUL'S FIRST DEFEAT.

The Gardner Cup final, played on Saturday on Sydney Cricket Ground No. 2, was a hot, hot affair, despite the unfavorable conditions created by a strong northerly wind that swept the playing area throughout the game. The attendance was very satisfactory about 100 people being present, including a large number of blue-jackets, who manifested considerable interest in the doings of the team from the flagship of the Australian Squadron of His Majesty's navy. The match was scored early in the first half, but Balmain, when favored by the wind, made up the luxury, and put through the winning goal at midweek before the final whistle.

The Honorary Admiral, Captain Admiral Hopwood, Captain Brown and Commander Burton, of H.M.S. Powerful, and Mr. John Hobbs, M.C., president of the New South Wales Football Association, occupied seats within the enclosure, in which, also, were the Hon. Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson, and the family of the winning team.

The Home Cup final provided that for the Gardner Cup, and was won by Balmain Eastons by a goal to nil. This competition, which was the limit of players under 19 years of age, attracted a good deal of interest.

The team from H.M.S. Powerful retained victories during the afternoon.

The teams in the Gardner Cup final were as follows:

The Navy (H.M.S. Powerful)—Horion, goal; McEwen and McEwen, backs; Smith (captain), O'Leary, and Johnson, halves; Thompson, Smith, O'Leary, and Johnson, forwards.

Balmain—Thompson, goal; Thompson and R. Ferguson, backs; Byrne, Moore (captain), and Ross, halves; McDonald, Robertson, Pryde, J. Ferguson, and O'Leary, forwards.

Smith, winning the toss, started to play with the wind. A low to Balmain's, however, was followed by a goal kick, Moore coming the ball behind. Smith, after having received passed out to Smith, who put in a good run on the left wing, and control well with the result that Balmain's goal was in danger. Many kicks by various players failed to get the ball out of the circle, but R. Ferguson of length came to the rescue with a vigorous kick. Powerful's forward line, and Thompson in trying to clear, kicked the ball high in the air, the wind carrying it toward for a corner. Thompson kicked from the corner flag into the field, where Johnson, the left half, obtained possession. A long shot took Johnson completely by surprise, the ball going directly into the goal from nearly 20 yards out. Powerful, 1 to nil.

Balmain's right wing responded in great style. Robertson and McDonald worked play neatly and rapidly up the left wing, and Robertson, with a powerful kick, sent the ball into the goal. A splendid run by Thompson, who rushed along the right wing, passed the ball to Johnson, who kicked accurately to the center, where to the goal, and having sent the ball directly into the net. The navy players' runs running back to the center of the field with some bounding, but it was become apparent that the victory was premature. The referee awarded Balmain a free kick for offside.

A free corner kick by Ross, following a left-wing dash by Balmain, sent the ball right into the goal mouth. Horion, however, kept it out. Play now became very fast, starting by Powerful being quickly followed by responding dashes by Balmain. Ross (Navy) and McDonald (Balmain) drew in numbers to the goal, but the navy's half-time approach Powerful were more to evidence. McDonald and Smith, by strong kicking, kept the ball on the Balmain backs, and several corner kicks were given away. Beyond kicking hand-ling as to the net, however, the ball did not come close to Johnson, R. Ferguson, Thompson, and Ross, who were in defense, and at the interval Powerful had 1 goal to nil, a fact that Balmain supporters celebrated as favoring their team's chance of success, for in the second half Balmain had the advantage of the wind.

Powerful came along with a dribbling run when play was resumed, but Balmain were not deterred round their opponents' goal. Thompson, from a free kick, gave Horion some trouble, and a few shots by Robertson were neatly stopped near the post. O'Leary came on the left wing with a couple of fine service kicks to provide, but, through being too eager perhaps, the inside forwards missed the opportunity. Thompson tried hard to work his way through the Balmain defense, but persistent tackling by Ross, and timely striking by Thompson, kept Powerful's outside right rather quiet. Balmain returned to the aggression, and J. Ferguson kicked towards goal, the ball bouncing up to Horion. The navy keeper stopped it, but not striking slowly, was limited by Pryde, who drove the ball into the net and great applause.

The score was now equal, each side having put through a goal. There still remained twenty minutes play, in which a win for either team was possible. The navy put forth supreme efforts, a rally by Powerful, ending in a powerful corner, the Balmain goal being hit, but outside a goal. Post play transferred to Powerful's half, and O'Leary, with an opponent close enough to equal his kick, sent behind after a Balmain forward rush started by Moore. J. Ferguson, however, receiving from the right wing, shot towards goal, but Thompson stopped it. The ball rebounded to O'Leary who, with a well-timed kick, found the net. This put Balmain in the lead, and was followed by prolonged cheering from their supporters. The Powerful men spent some time in the wind, apparently on the ground of exhaustion, and the referee, after a

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THE CUP PRESENTED.

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1912 Gardiner Challenge Cup			
Round.1.	Burns Club	2 v West Wallsend	0
	West Sydney	6 v Auburn	0
	Balmain(C)	5 v Glebe	2
	Canterbury	2 v Sth Sydney Methodists	1
	Sydney(A)	5 v Portland	0
	Northern Suburbs	2 v Sydney(B)	1
	Garden Island	1 v Granville(B)	0
	Cessnock	2 v Newtown	1
	Sydney YMCA,Corrimal,Granville(A)		
	Balmain(A)Navy(Byes)		
Round.2.	Balmain(A)	4 v West Sydney	0
	Balmain(C)	1 v Burns Club	1
Replay	Balmain(C)	1 v Burns Club	1
Replay	Balmain(C)	2 v Burns Club	0
	Cessnock	3 v Navy	1
	Sydney(A)	5 v Northern Suburbs	0
	Garden Island	1 v Granville(A)	0
	Corrimal	3 v Sydney YMCA	1
Round.3.	Balmain(A)	1 v Balmain(C)	0
	Cessnock	3 v Canterbury	0
	Sydney(A)	3 v Balmain(B)	2
	Garden Island	2 v Corrimal	2
	Replay	Garden Island	3 v Corrimal
Semi Finals			
	Sydney(A)	1 v Garden Island	1
Replay	Sydney (A)	2 v Garden Island	0
	Balmain(A)	4 v Cessnock	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Cricket Ground

14/9/1912

Balmain(A)	1 v Sydney(A)	0
A. Hughes	H. Duggan	
J. Thompson	E. Hughes	
J. Richards	J. Kirkpatrick	
R. Byers	R. Forrest	
R. Moore (Capt)	S. Rigby	
T. Rose	W. H. Wheat	
J. McDonald	J. Grogan	
W. J. Robertson	A. B. Blackburn	
J. Ferguson	J. Miller	
T. Charlton	J. Herron	
A. O'Hehir (1)	J. Nichols	

Referee J. McDonald

1912 Gardiner Cup Winners Balmain(A)Team



West Wallsend Gardiner Cup Players and Officials
Season 1912.

Back Row. G. Sherlow, N. Gray, Copper Donnelly, G. Williams
W. Peel, T. Coates, D. Howell, T. Brennan, D. Maunder, J. Robinson
W. Stewart

Middle. Players Only. J. Stewart, R. Sneddon, T. Campbell

Front (Kneeling) R. Skillen, C. Lewis, T. Richmond

G. Mason, C. Thompson, T. Harrison, W. Bartlett (Official Kneeling
Ball Boy Not known.)



1913 Gardiner Challenge Cup

Entries.

Weston, Portland, Northern Suburbs, Helensburgh, Burns Club,
 Lithgow Thistles, Goulburn Rovers, Newtown, Minmi Rangers,
 West Wallsend, Balmain(A) Balmain(B) Balmain(C)
 Merewether Advance, West Sydney, Sydney Police, Canterbury,
 Sydney, Granville Rechabites, Glebe, Granville, Cessnock, Navy,
 Garden Island, South Sydney Methodists, Annandale, Corrimal,
 Wallsend, Adamstown, Sydney(B) Auburn, YMCA.

Semi Finals

Annandale	4 v Sydney	3
Newtown	2 v Granville	2

Replay

Newtown	3 v Granville	2
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Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Epping Trotting Track

11/10/1913

Annandale	3 v Newtown	0
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Love	Mitchell
Murtus	Denniss
Hillyard	Blakely
Keith	Bywater
Newson	Carmichael
Nash	John Bruce
Towle(1)	Gummett
Carroll	J. Masters
Butcher(1)	James Bruce
Perris(1)	McAnish
C. Chalmers	S. Blake

Referee Ern Lukeman



"Let me guess"
 Invitation to the
 Referee's Ball"

1914

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Entries

Newtown, Canterbury, Lithgow, Drummoyne, Y.M.C.A.,
 Annandale, Scarborough, Balgownie, Sydney, Glebe, Wallsend,
 Holroyd, Balmain(A) Balmain(B) Balmain(C) Portland,
 Navy, Corrimal, Thirroul, West Wallsend Bluebells,
 Adamstown Rosebud, Cessnock, Granville, Northern Suburbs,
 Weston, Merewether Advance

Semi Finals

Granville	3 v Weston	2
Merewether Advance	3 v Balmain(A)	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Epping Trotting Track Sept. 1914

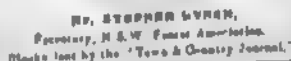
Granville	3 v Merewether Advance	1
E. Mobbs	R. Elgey	
L. Gill	D. Williams	
E. Doherty	J. Johnson	
R. Moore (Capt)	C. Pickerskill	
S. Hilder	J. Sneddon	
W. H. Wheat	P. Coppock	
G. Burrell	J. Doyle	
W. Butcher (2)	F. Watson (1)	
J. Cottam	F. Alberts	
L. Watkins	A. Hogg	
F. L. Mellier-Smith	S. Thorpe	

Referee W. Lincoln

Reserves

Hoffman

L. Peaty.



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Horse Cup
Andoverdale District v. Dalmain's Ternleigh.

3.14-GARDINER CUP FINAL

Granville v. Merewether (Newcastle)

GRANVILLE. Colors, Black and White.
GOAL.
E. Noble

1-2. Gill FULL PAGE. 2-2. DeBart

3-2, H. Moore HALVES. 3-2 Wheat

4—H. Hilder

FORWARD.
6-G Darrell 10-F Moller-Smith

7 - Hoffman 8 - Collins 9 - Watkins

RESERVED.

11-H. Butcher 12-L. Featy

GARDINER CUP FINAL

Merewether, Red and White

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Fig. 7

FULL BACKS.

1-D Williams 3-Johnson

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2-Pickeringii 5-Coppick

4-J Madden

FORWARD.

6-Doyle 10-Rouse

0—Alberta

T-Watson • T-Thorp

Belmont—W. LINCOLN.

1915 Gardiner Challenge Cup Preliminary Round(South)

Granville(B)	5 v Balmain(B)	0
Sydney	3 v Drummoyn	0
Thirroul	4 v Glebe	3
Corrimal	4 v YMCA	1

**Please note that the State Association ordered the Corrimal v YMCA match to be replayed because Corrimal had unregistered players.

"But with the World War.1. in progress many Sporting events and teams battled to have complete teams.

The replay result saw

Corrimal	2 v YMCA	1
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Northern Preliminary Round.

Weston forfeited to Cessnock

Round.1.(South)

Northern Suburbs	3 v Annandale	2
Granville(A)	6 v Pyrmont(B)	3
Balmain(A)	5 v Pyrmont(A)	0
Corrimal	3 v Thirroul	2
Sydney	3 v Granville(B)	1
Rozelle(Bye)		

Round.1(Northern)

West Wallsend	3 v Newcastle	1
Merewether Advance	4 v Cessnock	0

Round.1.(State)

West Wallsend	8 v Northern Suburbs	1
Granville(A)	3 v Merewether Advance	1
Balmain(A)	2 v Rozelle	1
Corrimal	2 v Sydney	1

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	2 v Granville(A)	2
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Replay

West Wallsend	2 v Granville(A)	1
Balmain(A)	3 v Corrimal	1

1915 Gardiner Challenge Cup at Epping Trotting Track 14/9/1915

Balmain(A)	2 v West Wallsend	0
F.Storey	J.Sneddon	
A.Law	F.G.Williams	
F.Honeybrook	C.N.Knudson	
R.Byers	A.Ramage	
R.Leadbeater	R"Dick"Sneddon	
J.Ferguson	J.Mather	
A.Lazonby	T.Coates	
S.Winton(1)	C.Lewis	
W"Ringie"Buttle	W.Lambert	
T.Charlton(1)	J.Gilmour	
R.Pryde	D.Clarke	

Referee W.A.Wright.

Gardiner Challenge Cup

***Would you please note

No Gardiner Challenge Cup Matches
were played in 1916 nor 1917
on account of The Great War

The Southern British Football Association instead
conducted a local K.O competition called the

CITY CUP.

1916 Round.1.

Navy	2 v Pyrmont	1
Balmain	2 v Drummoyne	1
Annandale	4 v Northern Subs.	0
YMCA(Bye)		

Semi Final

Annandale	5 v YMCA	1
Navy	1 v Balmain	0

Final City Cup Knockout

Annandale	3 v Navy	2
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1918

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Entries

Sydney, Canterbury, Y.M.C.A., Annandale, Pyrmont,
Balmain Fernleigh, Balmain Kia-ora,

Northern Matches

Adamstown	3 v Young Wallsend	4
Cessnock	1 v Young Wallsend	0
Weston United	5 v Wallsend	0
Replay ordered by Association (Weston used Abermain Players.)		
Weston	1 v Wallsend.	1
Replay		
Weston	1 v Wallsend	0

Semi Finals

Weston United	3 v Cessnock	1
Balmain Kia-ora	1 v Pyrmont	1
Replay		
Balmain Kia-ora	3 v Pyrmont	3
Replay		
Balmain Kia-ora	4 v Pyrmont	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Epping Racecourse 21/9/1918

Weston United	1 v Balmain Kia-ora	0
Bobby Austin	A. Cornwall	
W. Lambert (Capt)	G. Smart	
J. Henry	W. Leckie	
R. "Dick" Austin	A. Creighton	
H. Hollingshed	E. Ferrier	
J. Duxfield (1)	J. White	
W. Beverley	C. Hansen	
L. Pugh	A. Craig	
Jack Avis	W. Lyons	
A. McNaughton	Angus Forbes	
J. Bellamy	J. Heyman	

Referee A. Kay

In what was reported as one of the best cup ties ever seen in the north, Weston won its way to the final, defeating Cessnock 3x1. Further south, three games were necessary before Balmain Kiara finally beat Pyrmont; the scores being 1x1, 3x3, and finally 4x1.

On the bleak afternoon of 21st September 1918, at the Epping Recreation Ground (Harold Park) Weston won the Famous Gardiner Challenge Cup by defeating Balmain Kiara 1x0. The Sydneysiders, however, took their loss in a very poor fashion. Immediately after the final whistle blew, they protested long and loud on three ground and subsequently the Cup was not presented.

The Weston Geordies returned home to a civic reception, as hundreds of supporters crowded the Weston Railway station on the Sunday night.

The town's brass band was in attendance but general disappointment was manifest when skipper, Bill Lambert, could not produce the "FAMOUS GARDINER CHALLENGE CUP".

1918 Weston-Gardiner Cup Winners



Back Row. W. Lambert (Capt) Bob Austin, J. Henry, W. H. Tweddle (Sec)
Middle Row. J. Shields, R. "Dick" Austin, H. Hollingsworth, J. Duxfield
Front Row. W. Beverley, H. Bellamy, J. Avis, A. McNaughton, J. Bellamy.

Coalfield Register

U/18

Cessnock. Rennex, Player, Diver, Williams, Gibson, Stewart, Waite
Brown, Fairhall, Elliott, Haffer, Rowe, Hedley, Hodge, Stevenson.

Abermain

Coutts, Ross, Bates, Robinson, Chapple, Shaw, Wilson, Thomas,
Barker, O'Connell, Endean (Incomplete)

Weston

A. Taylor, Halley, A. Young, J. Donald, T. Stanbridge, W. Cook, A. Spiers,
J. Derricott, T. Oliver, G. Taylor, A. Stewart, H. Williams, E. Green
G. Norris

Balmain Kia-ora Runners up 1918 Gardiner Cup



Balmain Kia-ora Runners up 1918 Gardiner Cup

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1918
BALMAIN KIA-ORA.
RUNNERS-UP

**Please Note Players are not in order.

Players are

G. Smart, A. Cornwall, W. Leckie, A. Creighton, E. Ferrier

J. White, C. Hansen, A. Craig, W. Lyons, Angus Forbes, J. Heyman

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1919 Gardiner Challenge Cup.

Entries

Royal Navy, Holmesville, Sydney, Pyrmont, Y.M.C.A. Cessnock,
 Annandale, Balgownie, South Illawarra, Gladesville,
 Weston, Balmain Caledonians, Cockatoo Dockyards, Adamstown,
 Wallsend, Hamilton, North Sydney, Canterbury, Granville,
 Lithgow Thistles, North Illawarra, Minmi Rangers,
 Balmain Fernleigh, West Wallsend, Wallsend.

Round.1

Royal Navy	3 v Holmesville	2
YMCA Sydney	3 v Annandale	1
Balgownie	2 v Pyrmont	1
West Wallsend	6 v Cessnock	4
South Illawarra	3 v Gladesville Ryde	0
Weston United	1 v Balmain Caledonians	0
Minmi Rangers, Cockatoo Dockyards, Adamstown, Balmain Fernleigh, Hamilton, North Sydney, Granville, Canterbury, Lithgow Thistles, North Illawarra (Byes)		

Round.2

Balmain Fernleigh	1 v Royal Navy	0
Cockatoo Dockyards	4 v Lithgow Thistles	0
Minmi Rangers	3 v Adamstown	0
West Wallsend	7 v Hamilton	0
South Illawarra	1 v North Sydney	0
Granville	8 v North Illawarra	1
Weston United	0 v Canterbury	0
Replay		
Weston United	9 v Canterbury	0

Round.3

Balmain Fernleigh	4 v Cockatoo Dockyards	1
West Wallsend	3 v South Illawarra	0
Minmi Rangers	2 v YMCA Sydney	1
Weston United	4 v Granville	1

Semi Finals

Balmain Fernleigh	3 v Minmi Rangers
West Wallsend	0 v Weston United
Replay	
West Wallsend	3 v Weston United

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
 Sydney Cricket Ground 6/10/1919

Balmain Fernleigh	3 v West Wallsend	0
F.Storey	Wal McKenzie	
A.Fisher	W.H.Lee	
H.Batten	H.James	
E.Ferrier	Clarrie Coutts	
R.Leadbeater	R"Dick"Sneddon	
A.Ferguson	R.McKay	
S.Lazonby(1)	W.Smith	
Adams	Dave Kaiser	
Dr.H.K.Porter(1)	T.Coates	
F.Hancock(1)	Tommy Sinclair	
F.Yabsley	Di McLaughlin	

Referee W.A.Wright

1919 Balmain Fernleigh



Back Row. A. Law, Dr H. K. Porter, W. A. Fisher, F. Storey,
 H. Batten. S. Lazonby, W. Clark,
 Middle. R. R. Leadbeater, S. A. D. Storey (Sec) J. Smith (Pres)
 E. Ferrier (Capt) E. Blayney (V. Pres) J. Adams,
 F. Hancock.
 Front. F. Yabsley, Adams.

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Gardiner Challenge Cup

Entries

Bulll, Helensburgh, Hebburn, Rothbury, Weston
 Balmain Fernleigh, Granville, Balmain Gladestone,
 Woonona, Eastern Suburbs, Willoughby, Annandale, Hamilton
 Lancashire Society, Corrimal, Balmain, Pyrmont, Sydney
 Drummoyne, Fire Brigade, Campsie Thistles, Burns Society,
 Lithgow Thistles, Canterbury, Cessnock, Cockatoo Dockyards,
 Wallsend, Balmain, West Wallsend, Sydney, Balgownie,
 Gladesville, Wallsend Royals.

Semi Finals

Granville	5 v Annandale	0
Balmain Fernleigh	2 v Weston	2
Replay		
Balmain Fernleigh	2 v Weston	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Showground. 30/9/1920

Balmain Fernleigh	2 v Granville	0
G. Cartwright	E. Aitchison	
A. Fisher	Perkins	
H. Batten	Henderson	
E. Ferrier	H. W. Wheat	
R. Leadbeater	A. Peattie	
R. Storey	Harry Spurway	
J. Fisher	W. Dane	
F. Hancock(1)	Malcolm	
Dr H. K. Porter	A. Miranda	
B. Moore	C. Leadbeater	
F. Yabsley	F. Doherty	

Referee W. A. Wright



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Gardiner Challenge Cup		
1921		
Preliminary Round(South)		
Campsie Thistles	1 v Sydney Fire Brigades	0
Preliminary Round(South Coast)		
Balgownie	3 v Woonona	1
Corrimal	4 v Thirroul	2
Preliminary Round(North)		
Kurri Kurri	5 v Lysaghts	1
Round.1(North)		
Kurri Kurri	2 v Wallsend	2
Replay		
Kurri Kurri	1 v Wallsend	1
Replay		
Kurri Kurri (Wallsend won on forfeit)		
Adamstown, Weston, West Wallsend, Cessnock, Newcastle Utd (Byes)		
Round.1(South)		
Pymont Rangers	3 v Eastern Suburbs	0
Drummoyne	3 v Sydney	1
Cockatoo Dockyards	2 v Hornsby Athletic	0
Canterbury	4 v Balmain Scottish	1
Gladesville	4 v Lancashire Society	1
Granville	5 v Burns Club	1
Pymont	6 v Campsie Thistles	1
Balmain Fernleigh	3 v Balmain Gladestone	2
Two Blues	6 v Dulwich Hill	0
Willoughby	1 v Annandale	1
Replay		
Willoughby	2 v Annandale	1
Round.1.(State)		
Canterbury	2 v Pymont Rangers	1
Pymont	1 v Adamstown	0
Corrimal	3 v Two Blues	0
West Wallsend	4 v Gladesville	2
Cessnock	2 v Balgownie	1
Balmain Fernleigh	6 v Willoughby	0
Cockatoo Dockyards	1 v Drummoyne	0
Granville(Bye)		
Round.2(State)		
Granville	5 v Canterbury	0
West Wallsend	2 v Cessnock	1
Balmain Fernleigh	3 v Cockatoo Dockyards	0
Pymont	2 v Corrimal	2
Replay		
Pymont	3 v Corrimal	3
Replay		
Pymont	4 v Corrimal	4
Replay		
Pymont	4 v Corrimal	1

SEMI FINALS

Granville

0 v Parramatta

2

West Wallsend

3 v Belmont Football Club

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GARDINER Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Cricket Ground

6.10.1921

West Wallsend

3 v Granville

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Jack Coutts

E.Aitchison

Henry Maunder

G.Dane

H.James

F.Doherty

Clarrie Coutts

R.Leadbeater

R"Dick"Sneddon

J.Crombie

W.Smith

Harry Spurway

Tommy Coates

W.Dane

A.Phillips(1)

H.Winter

Bill"Podge"Maunder(1)

J.Picken(1)

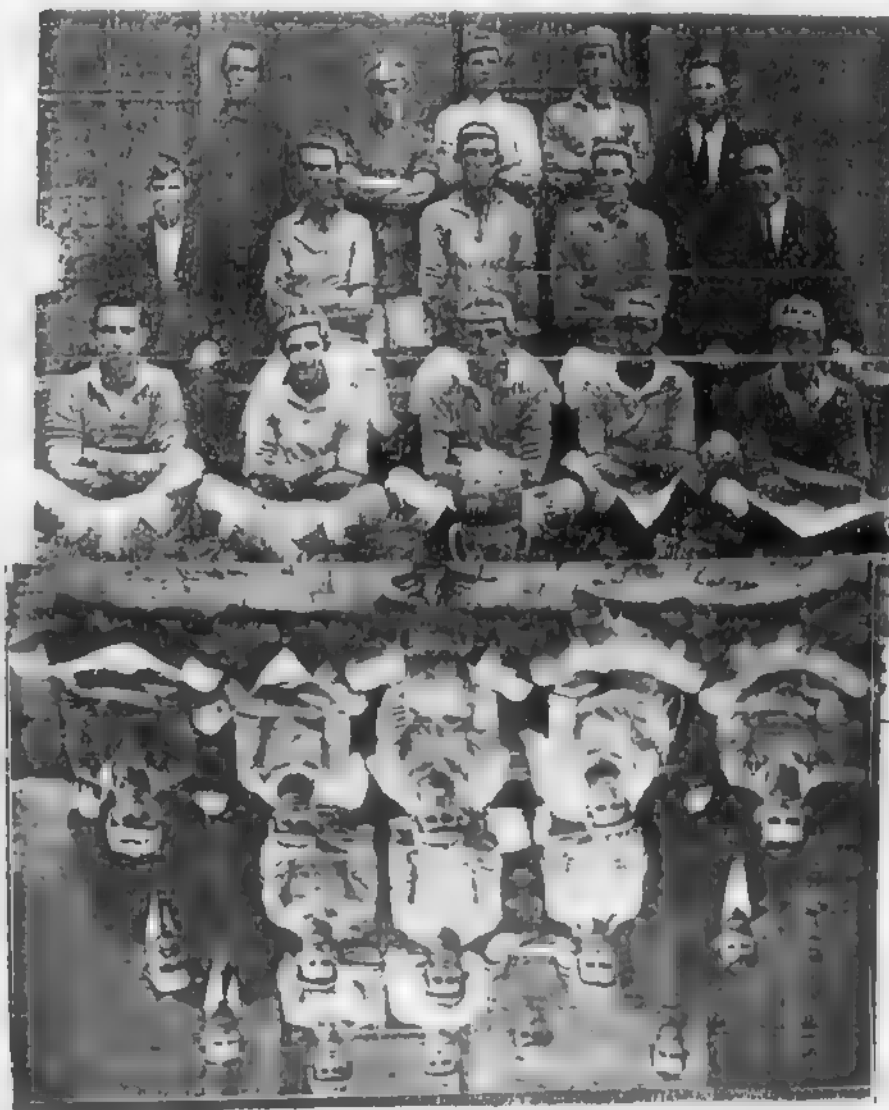
Tommy Sinclair(1)

H.Henson

Di McLaughlin

H.Heyman

Referee W.A.Wright



1921 West Wallsend - Gardiner Cup Team

NORTH ISLANDS

Granville

6 v PAUMOTU

West Wallsend

5 v Balmain Fernleigh

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Cricket Ground

6-10-1921

West Wallsend

3 v Granville

Jack Coutts

L. Aitchison

Henry Maunders

G. Dane

H. James

F. Doherty

Clarrie Coutts

R. Leadbeater

R "Dick" Sneddon

J. Crombie

W. Smith

Harry Spurway

Tommy Coates

W. Dane

A. Phillips(1)

H. Winter

Bill "Podge" Maunders(1)

J. Picken(1)

Tommy Sinclair(1)

H. Henson

Di McLaughlin

H. Heyman

Referee W.A. Wright



The team that won the State title — Gardiner Cup — in 1921 — Back row: Archibald Lockhart, Harry ("Butcher") James, Jack Coutts, Henry Maunders, Alec Hodges, Centre: Jimmy McClure, Clarrie Coates, Dick Snedden (Captain), William Smith, Dr Charles Rowrick (who donated the inscribed cup). Front: Tommy Coates, Frank Mayes, William ("Podge") Maunders, Tommy Sinclair, David ("Dad") McLaughlin.

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1922 Gardiner Challenge Cup

Preliminary Round(North)

Neath	3 v Abermain	1
Cessnock(B)	4 v Bellbird	0

Preliminary Round(South)

Pymont Rangers	1 v Canterbury	1
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Round 1(South)

Lithgow Thistles	3 v Metters	2
Woonona	3 v Gladesville	0
Sydney	5 v Manly	1
Balgownie	6 v North Sydney	2
Granville	1 v Corrimal	0
Two Blues	1 v Cockatoo Dockyards	1

Replay

Two Blues	2 v Cockatoo Dockyards	0
Balmain Gladestone	1 v Annandale Altona	0
Burns Anniversary	3 v Campsie Thistles	1
Thirroul	0 v Pymont Rangers	0

Replay

Thirroul	5 v Pymont Rangers	4
Balmain Fernleigh	5 v Eastern Suburbs	1
Auburn	3 v Balmain Scottish	0
Pymont	2 v Canterbury	2

Replay

Pymont	3 v Canterbury	1
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Round.1(North)

West Wallsend	5 v Cessnock(B)	1
Adamstown	3 v Cessnock(A)	1
Wallsend	3 v Weston	2
Kurri Kurri	3 v Neath	1

Round.1(State)

Burns Anniversary	2 v Lithgow Thistles	1
Wallsend	2 v Kurri Kurri	1
Woonona	5 v Auburn	0
Balgownie	4 v Two Blues	3
Sydney	7 v Pymont	2
Granville	3 v Balmain Gladestone	1
West Wallsend	1 v Balmain Fernleigh	0
Adamstown	4 v Thirroul	0

Round.2(State)

West Wallsend	2 v Adamstown	1
Granville	3 v Wallsend	1
Sydney	4 v Burns Anniversary	1
Woonona	0 v Balgownie	0

Replay

Woonona	1 v Balgownie	0
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Semi Finals

Granville	2 v Sydney	1
West Wallsend	4 v Woodong	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Sydney Cricket Ground No.2
18 / 1922

Granville	1 v West Wallsend	0
E.Aitchison	Jack Coutts	
C.Leadbeater	Henry Maunders	
E.Doherty	H.James	
L.Leadbeater	W.Smith	
J.Crombie	R"Dick"Sneddon	
H.Spurway	Clarrie Coutts	
H.Winter	Tommy Coates	
W.Dane	W.Haves	
J.McCrae(1)	W"Podge"Maunders	
R.Fairweather	Tommy Sinclair	
F.Ramsay	Di McLaughlin	

Referee Ern Richardson



Granville team (Photo) as above , "BUT NOT IN ORDER".

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1923 Gardiner Challenge Cup			
Preliminary Round(South)			
Ironworkers	2 v	Portland	0
Lithgow Thistles	3 v	Oakley Park	1
Two Blues	1 v	Auburn	0
Balmain Gladestone	9 v	Campsie Thistles	1
Canterbury	1 v	North Sydney	0
Round.1(North)			
West Wallsend	4 v	Adamstown	1
Cessnock	1 v	Kurri Kurri	1
Replay			
Cessnock	3 v	Kurri Kurri	2
Neath	4 v	Newcastle	0
Wallsend	2 v	Weston	1
Round.1.(South)			
Coledale	3 v	Thirroul	1
Balgownie	4 v	Woonona(A)	2
Woonona(B)	2 v	Corrimal	1
Granville	3 v	West Sydney	1
Pymont	1 v	Leichhardt Annandale	0
Balmain Fernleigh	3 v	Canterbury	0
Balmain Scottish	2 v	Pymont Rangers(B)	4
St George	6 v	Burns Anniversary	1
Sydney	3 v	Eastern Suburbs	0
Two Blues	3 v	Gladesville	1
Pymont Rangers(A)	1 v	Balmain Gladestone	0
Lithgow Thistles	3 v	Ironworkers	0
Round.1(State)			
West Wallsend	2 v	Cessnock	2
Replay			
West Wallsend	2 v	Cessnock	0
Granville	2 v	Pymont	1
Neath	3 v	Two Blues	1
Balmain Fernleigh	3 v	Balgownie	1
Pymont Rangers(B)	2 v	St George	0
Sydney	7 v	Lithgow Thistles	1
Coledale	3 v	Pymont Rangers(A)	2
Wallsend	2 v	Woonona(B)	2
Replay			
Wallsend	1 v	Woonona(B)	1
Replay			
Wallsend	2 v	Woonona(B)	1
Round.2(State)			
West Wallsend	3 v	Granville	0
Balmain Fernleigh	3 v	Pymont Rangers(B)	0
Sydney	1 v	Neath	0
Coledale	1 v	Wallsend	0

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1923

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	4 v Balmain Fernleigh	3
Sydney	1 v Coledale	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
8/9/1923 Newcastle Showground

West Wallsend	0 v	Sydney	0
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Replay

West Wallsend	0 v	Sydney	0
15/9/1923 Sydney Cricket Ground			

Replay

West Wallsend	4 v	Sydney	4
22/9/1923 Sydney Cricket Ground			

Replay West Wallsend 1 v Sydney 0 Tramway Ground Newcastle

1923 Gardiner Cup

Semi Finals

West Wallsend	4 v Balmain Fernleigh	3
Sydney	1 v Coledale	0

Final Gardiner Cup 8/9/1923 Newcastle Showground
West Wallsend 0 v Sydney 0

Replay

15/9/1923 Sydney Cricket Ground		
West Wallsend	0 v Sydney	0

Replay

22/9/1923 Sydney Cricket Ground		
West Wallsend	4 v Sydney	4

Replay at Tramway Ground Hamilton(Newcastle) 29/9/1923

West Wallsend	1 v Sydney	0
Jack Coutts	H.Greigg	
Henry Maunder	S.Smart	
H.James	G.Montergomery	
Frank Coolahan	H.Wilson	
Clarrie Coutts	Les Forrester	
William Smith	N.Charlton	
Tommy Coates	J.Burns	
G.Ross(1)	S.O'Toole	
William"Podge"Maunders	E.Russell	
Tommy Sinclair	H.Sherringham	
Di McLaughlin	Frank.L.Mellier-Smith	

Referee W.Allerton

Cup Presented by President of N.D.B.F.A. Mr.A.A.Stirling.

1924

Gardiner Challenge Cup

United Rovers	1	■	Bankstown	0
Metters	2	■	Marrickville Avoca	1
Garden Island	3	■	Canterbury	2
Lachlan Rangers	1	■	Northern Suburbs	0
Rangers	2	v	Lidcombe	1
Leichhardt	3	■	West Sydney	0
St George	4	■	Balmain Scottish	2
Pymont	2	■	Manly	1
Auburn Juniors	3	v	East Granville	0
Cessnock	7	v	Neath(B)	1
Woonona	3	■	Corrimal	1
Weston	4	■	New Lambton	4
Replay				
Weston	0	v	New Lambton	0
Replay				
Weston	3	v	New Lambton	0
West Wallsend	3	v	Weston	0
Adamstown	2	v	Neath(A)	1
United Juniors	3	v	Auburn Juniors	2
Kurri Kurri	6	v	Mayfield	2
Balmain Gladestone	2	v	Two Blues	2
Replay				
Balmain Gladestone	2	v	Two Blues	2
Replay				
Balmain Gladestone	3	v	Two Blues	2
Sydney	3	v	Gladesville	1
Pymont Rangers	6	v	Pymont	2
Coledale	4	v	Thirroul	2
Woonona	4	v	Tarrawarra	0
Granville	4	v	Garden Island	0
St George	1	v	Metters	0
Balgownie	5	v	Helensburgh	0
Wallsend	2	v	Cessnock	1
Auburn	3	v	Rangers	2
Balmain Fernleigh	3	v	Lithgow Thistles	0
Lachlan Rangers	0	v	Leichhardt	3
West Wallsend	4	v	Balmain Gladestone	0
Kurri Kurri	2	v	Adamstown	1
Sydney	1	v	Pymont Rangers	0
Granville	14	v	United Juniors	3
Woonona	3	v	Coledale	1
Balgownie	6	v	St George	1
Wallsend	3	v	Auburn	1
Balmain Fernleigh	3	v	Leichhardt	0

*** Would you please note*

Half time score Granville had scored 9 Goals

Alan Bonoke (Granville) scored 6 Goals

1924

Round.3

West Wallsend	3 v Kurri Kurri	1
Sydney	3 v Granville	2
Woonona	2 v Balgownie	1
Wallsend	0 v Balmain Fernleigh	0
Replay		
Wallsend	1 v Balmain Fernleigh	1
Replay		
Wallsend	0 v Balmain Fernleigh	0
Replay		
Wallsend	6 v Balmain Fernleigh	1

***Would you please note that 10x10 minutes extra time was played in all replays.

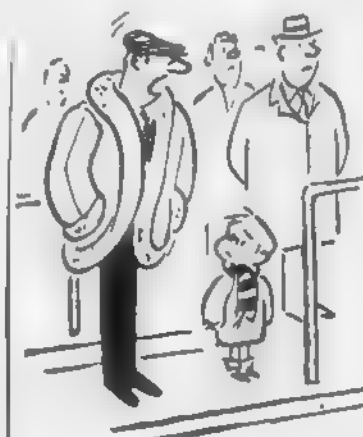
Semi Finals

West Wallsend	1 v Sydney	1
Replay		
West Wallsend	5 v Sydney	1
Woonona	5 v Wallsend	0

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Tramway Ground Hamilton.27/9/1924

West Wallsend	3 v Woonona	0
Jack Coutts	N.Boyle	
H.James	W.Casely	1
Henry Maunder	J.Muir	
Frank Coolahan	T.Girling	
Clarrie Coutts	H.Cunningham	
Frank Hayes	H.Cheney	
H.Muir	W.Bonser	
Les Brown(1)	E.Jarrett	
Bill "Podge" Maunder(1)	J.Flint	
W.Erickson(1)	A.Veigal	
Di McLaughlin	H.James	

Referee A.E.Court



Here Son Go and buy
yourself a Hotdog.
While I sort this
Referee out"

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1925

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

Adamstown	2 v Granville	1
Cessnock	4 v St George	0
Balgownie	2 v Gladesville	0
West Wallsend	2 v Canterbury	2
Replay		
West Wallsend	7 v Canterbury	2
Weston	1 v New Lambton	1
Replay		
Weston	4 v New Lambton	2
Kurri Kurri	4 v Newcastle	2
Annandale, Balmain, Wallsend, Neath, Eastern Suburbs, Corrimal, Pyrmont (Byes)		

Round.2.

Adamstown	3 v Neath	1
Kurri Kurri	3 v Eastern Suburbs	3
Replay		
Kurri Kurri	1 v Eastern Suburbs	0
West Wallsend	3 v Balmain	0
Wallsend	2 v Annandale	1
Corrimal	2 v Pyrmont	1
Weston, Cessnock, Balgownie (Byes)		

Round.3

Adamstown	3 v Corrimal	1
Balgownie	2 v Weston	1
Cessnock	2 v Kurri Kurri	1
West Wallsend	3 v Wallsend	2

Semi Finals

Adamstown	2 v Balgownie	1
Cessnock	2 v West Wallsend	1

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Tramway Ground Hamilton 17/9/1925

Adamstown	Rosebud	2 v	Cessnock	0
A. Smith			G. Bower	
Arch Harris			G. Williams	
Art Lambert			T. Rollo	
L. Bailey			G. Slark's	
J. Bush			E. Hodge	
Peter Doyle (Capt)			G. Roe	
Harold Johns			E. Williams	
Alec Cameron (1)			Perce Lennard	
Gavin Russell			D. Turner	
D. McAllister			Roy McNaughton	
A. Dunne			C. Williams	

Referee A. Bat

ADAMSTOWN'S CUP

Soccer Championship

CESSNOCK BEATEN

FINAL SCORES:

Adamstown	2
Cessnock	Nil

The final of the State soccer competition (Gardiner Cup) was played at the Tramway Ground at Hamilton, this afternoon.

There was a remarkably large crowd. Long before two o'clock the grandstand was packed full, while the crowd was five and six deep around the ground. Before the game was started the crowd was moved back from the touch line.

The trains from coalfields townships arriving in Newcastle were packed to overflowing during the morning.

The teams were -

Adamstown: Goal, A. Smith; backs, A. Harris, A. Lambert; half-backs, L. Bailey, J. Bush, P. Doyle (captain); forwards, H. Johns, A. Cameron, G. Russell, D. McAlister, A. Dunne.

Cessnock: Goal, G. Bower; backs, G. Williams (captain), G. Rollo, half-backs, J. Slacks, E. Hodges, G. Roe; forwards, J. Williams, P. Leonard, G. Toner, M. I. Naughton, C. Williams.

Referee: A. Bates (Sydney).

Prior to the commencement, Adamstown's skipper (P. Doyle) said: "We have beaten Cessnock before. I think we shall do so to-day."

Cessnock's skipper (G. Williams) said: "It will be hard. We are fit and well, and confident in our ability to win the championship of the State to-day."

Adamstown took the field first and was given a rousing reception. Cessnock immediately followed, and the cheers were even louder.

Williams won the toss for Cessnock, and sent Adamstown to kick against the goal.

He set play in motion, and Adamstown immediately attacked. Rollo cleared, and the ball went to McNaughton, but Doyle intercepted his pass to Williams. A free-kick was awarded to Adamstown for Mick's trip on Bush, who was injured. He was attended to on the ground.

Adamstown had slightly the better of the earlier play. Russell from close in was blown off-side. Then G. Williams cleared from Cameron, and the ball went to McNaughton, who shot just as the whistle went for off-side against Toner.

Adamstown secured the first corner when Williams mis-kicked. This was taken by Dunne, but a free kick was awarded to Cessnock for McAlister's push.

Cessnock got away on the right. E. Williams beat back Lambert and crossing for Harris to clear. Then Bailey tripped C. Williams, and Adamstown was awarded a goal kick. Adamstown was

attacking when Rollo, with a big punt, sent down the field.

Adamstown's cheers subsided when a free kick was awarded to Cessnock, owing to Russell being off-side. The game was very fast and the packing in, but the crowd was generally well conducted.

From a Cessnock attack, E. Williams crossed to C. Williams, but Bailey smartly cleared. The ball was sent to the other end, Bower having to run out to clear. Then Roe had to clear from Cameron, while Bush's pass to Dunne was secured by Slacks, who put the ball out. Bush left the field and was replaced by Turnbull. Leonard, receiving from E. Williams sent in a low centre which was saved by Smith. A free kick was then awarded to Cessnock, and was cleared by Harris, who sent to Cessnock a goal, Adamstown securing a corner. This was well placed by Dunne, and the Cessnock man almost fell. Johns just put behind.

A few moments later a cross from Bailey was headed towards the goal.

SECOND HALF

In the second half Cessnock first attacked and secured a corner, which was placed by C. Williams, the ball being finally cleared by Lambert. Play went to the other end, where McAlister shot. The ball beat Bower, but hit inside the post and came out. It was a wonderful escape for Cessnock.

Adamstown scored when McAlister secured from John's cross, and shot into the net.

Adamstown 1, Cessnock nil.

After the score the game was flat for a time. Then Cessnock made a quick attack. The ball was shot in, partly cleared, and Leonard sent in a low drive, which Smith brilliantly cleared amidst loud applause.

Cessnock was battling hard for the equaliser, but the defence of Adamstown was safe. From a cross by E. Williams, Leonard sent high over the bar. Then Harris had to clear from Toner, while Hodges' good shot just passed behind Bailey and Cameron were both injured, and were attended to on the ground. Harris collapsed during their attention, making three Adamstown players being attended to at the one time.

Just before the finish of the game Cameron made a brilliant run and scored for Adamstown.

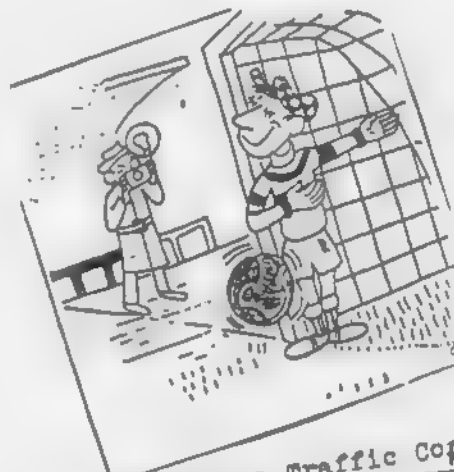
Adamstown 2, Cessnock nil.

2200 GATE

At the conclusion of the game the players were surrounded by supporters. Doyle and McAlister were carried off the field amidst tremendous cheering.

The Cup was presented to the winning team by Mr. A. A. Stirling (president of the N.S.W.F.A.). Speeches were made by the captains of both teams. The losers' skipper (G. Williams) admitted that the better team won.

The gate takings were £200.



"He used to be a Traffic Cop"

1925 Adamstown Gardiner Cup Winners.



Back Row. J. J. Cameron (President) A. Harris, J. Smith, A. Lambert
 Middle Row. D. Williams (Selector) L. Bailey, J. B. Ush (V. Cpt)
 V. Turnbull, P. Doyle (Capt) J. Cameron (Treasurer)
 Front Row. A. R. Harris, A. Cameron, G. Russell, D. McAllister
 A. Dunne, H. Dent, R. Lindus (Mascot)
 Inset) H. Johns (Inset Right) C. Weatherburn (Selector)

1926

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1(North)

West Wallsend	2 v Kurri Kurri	1
Newcastle	1 v New Lambton	0
Weston, Holmesville, Aberdare, Cessnock		
Wallsend (Byes)		

Round.1(South)

Balmain	3 v Canterbury	0
Granville	4 v Pyrmont	1
St George	2 v Eastern Subs.	0
Woonona won on forfeit from Thirroul		
Corrimal, Balgownie, Gladesville, Annandale (Byes)		

Round.1.(State)

West Wallsend	1 v Wallsend	0
Holmesville	5 v Newcastle	1
Cessnock	4 v Balmain	2
Adamstown	9 v Granville	2
Gladesville	4 v Woonona	3
Weston	1 v Corrimal	0
Balgownie	1 v Aberdare	1

Replay

Balgownie	1 v Aberdare	0
Annandale	4 v St George	1

Round.2.(State)

West Wallsend	3 v Balgownie	0
Gladesville	2 v Cessnock	0
Adamstown	6 v Weston	0
Holmesville	6 v Annandale	3

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

NEWCASTLE TEAMS IN SEMI-FINAL
AUGUST 1926

Adamstown, Holmesville, and West Wallsend have qualified for the State championship semi-finals, and the fourth team will be either Cessnock or Gladesville-Ryde. Last year the Newcastle district supplied the finalists.

The results point to the superiority of the northern combinations, and Holmesville's victory over Annandale-Leichhardt was not expected, as the team is one of the weakest in the local competitions. Adamstown has the remarkable record of 15 goals to 8 in successive matches against former cup-holders in Granville and Weston.

In the metropolitan premiership games, Granville displayed a great reversal of form in defeating Corrimal.

The positions in the premiership competition are: Gladesville-Ryde 22, Corrimal 21, Balgownie and Canterbury 18, Annandale-Leichhardt 17, Woonona 15, Balmain 15, Granville 14, St-George 11, Eastern Suburbs 8, Pyrmont-South Sydney 7, Thirroul 1.

HARRIS CHALLENGE CUP.

Annandale-Leichhardt v Holmesville. Played at the Sydney Cricket Ground (Mo. 2), and won by Holmesville by 6 goals to 2.

Attacking in fine style, Annandale soon dominated the match, and from Osborne, McClure scored and goaled for them, an advantage added to almost immediately by Froome. The reverse lived on the Holmesville players, and they contrived to stave off further increases, allowing their forwards to harry Cross and Turner so effectively that Strong and Shepherd, (3) had the visiting team in the lead before the interval. After resuming, the leaders played as winners, although at times Annandale might have finalised better. E. Coates netted Holmesville's fourth, then Shepherd added another, and the final goal was registered by Linton.

BRITISH ASSOCIATION.

COUNTRY TEAMS' SUCCESSES.

The State champions, Adamstown, convincingly demonstrated their ability in eliminating Granville from the Gardner Challenge Cup Competition on Saturday by the substantial margin of seven goals, practically a record score for a fixture between teams of such calibre. Balgownie won the re-play against Aberside at Corrimal. In the premiership games the three South Coast teams were beaten, and the points score at present is:—Corrimal and Gladesville Ryde, 21 points; Balgownie, 19; Annandale-Leichhardt and Canterbury, 17; Balmain and Woonona, 18; Granville, 12; St. George, 11; Eastern Suburbs and Pyrmont-Mouth Sydney, 7; Thirroul, 5.

Burlington Park and Canterbury Park were successful in their State Junior Championship fixtures, and Annandale in the President's Cup Competition were—Balmain, 1, v Pyrmont-Mouth Sydney, 1; Granville, 4, v Eastern Suburbs, 1; Canterbury, 2, v St. George, 1; Annandale-Leichhardt, 2, v Gladesville-Ryde, nil.

STATE CHAMPIONSHIP.

ADAMSTOWN v GRANVILLE.

Played at Modern Oval, and won by Adamstown 9 goals to 2. Within a minute of the kick off Spruce had netted for Adamstown. Clapes and Bourke went forward for Granville, but were held, and then a brilliant forward rush from Adamstown was capped with another goal from Spruce, who received from Cameron. Then both goalkeepers moved well, although Clarke and Bailey each went very close. Spruce scored again, which seemed to enliven Granville, who displayed a glimpse of combination, enabling Bourke to make the opportunity for a goal from O'Toole.

Dunne carried play to Granville's goal line after resuming and Spruce again scored. Granville replied with one from Clarke, after Clapes had entered; but Adamstown returned to the attack, and Cameron registered two good goals, followed by another from Connolly. The eighth was scored by Cameron, after which Smith diverted a penalty from Edwards. Dunne, who played consistently throughout, scored the final goal.

METROPOLITAN PREMIERSHIP.

BALMAIN v WOONONA.

Played at Epton Park, and won by Balmain, 2 goals to 1.

Early in the game Muir (Woonona) retired with a fractured ankle, and although Balmain was assisted by the wind Woonona's defence prevented big scores. Barker was rather lucky in securing first goal for Balmain, but the second, from McIvor, was well earned. Woonona contrived to score before the interval, James netting after a great upset. The second half was scoreless, although Woonona did most of the attacking. Simmons proved a resolute keeper for Balmain.

CANTERBURY v CORRIMAL.

Played at Canterbury, and won by Canterbury, 3 goals to nil.

The local players surprised the competition leaders, and throughout the game were always the dominant team. Burns, Casley, and Bennett were too clever for the visitors, whose forward advancement led by Smith, were excellently filled by Alexander, Brown, and McLaren. Bennett scored a goal for Canterbury in each half, after good attacking play by Burns, Casley, and Burns.

ANNANDALE-LEICHHARDT v GLADESVILLE-RYDE.

Played at Irons Park, and won by Gladesville-Ryde, 4 goals to 2.

Right to full-time the issue was in doubt, and play throughout was of a fast and exciting character. Hraboski scored first for Annandale, on advantage which Hain reduced, making the scores level. Annandale shortly afterwards went ahead, as O'Leary forced a goal from Bradley, but Hain again put the teams on level terms, and before interval McKay had Gladesville in front. Gigg scored Annandale's third goal, and play continued even till Gladesville, within fifteen minutes of full-time, secured a penalty, which Hain converted into the winning goal.

SOUTH COAST GAMES.

The re-play of the Aberside Balgownie State Championship fixture took place at Corrimal, and was won by Balgownie 1 goal to nil, Scobie being the scorer. At Thirroul—St. George, 2 (Hayes and M. Smith), defeated Thirroul, 1 (Taylor), in the premiership competition.

1926

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Semi Final

West Wallsend

3 v Gladesville

0

Semi Final

Adamstown

3 v Holmesville

2

Final Gardiner Challenge Cup
Hobart Park New Lambton.

18/9/1926

West Wallsend

2 v Adamstown

1

Jack Coutts

R. Francis

H. Muir

Arch Harris

Henry Maunder

Art Lambert

Frank Coolahan

Vince Turnbull

Clarrie Coutts (Capt)

J. Bush

Ern Richardson

L. Bailey

Les Brown

C. Connelly

C. James (1)

Alec Cameron

G. Ross (1)

E. Bush (1)

Dave Kaiser

A. Dunne

S. Masters

E. Spruce

Referee A. Bates

The State President Presented the Gardiner Challenge
Cup to West Wallsend Captain Mr. Clarrie Coutts.

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1927

Gardiner Challenge Cup

Round.1.

New Lambton	6 v Newcastle	0
Canterbury	4 v Thirroul	0
Cessnock	4 v Weston	1
West Wallsend	5 v Kurri Kurri	0
Eastern Suburbs	3 v Balgownie	1
Woonona	3 v Wallsend	1
Aberdare	3 v Holmesville	2
Lithgow Small Arms	2 v Lithgow Thistles	2

Replay

Lithgow Small Arms	4 v Lithgow Thistles	1
Gladesville, Annandale, Leichhardt, Corrimal, Adamstown, Granville, Balmain, Pyrmont-South Sydney, St George (Byes)		

Round.2

Gladesville Ryde	2 v Annandale Leich.	1
New Lambton	2 v Canterbury	0
Cessnock	3 v Corrimal	2
West Wallsend	2 v Adamstown	0
Granville	5 v Balmain	3
Pyrmont-Sth Sydney	3 v Small Arms Factory	1
St George	1 v Eastern Suburbs	0
Woonona	2 v Aberdare	1

Round.3

Gladesville Ryde	5 v New Lambton	1
Cessnock	3 v West Wallsend	0
Granville	1 v Pyrmont-Sth Sydney	0
St George	3 v Woonona	1

Semi Finals

Gladesville Ryde	2 v Cessnock	1
Granville	4 v St George	3

Gardiner Challenge Cup Final

Sydney Sports Ground. 20/9/1927

Gladesville Ryde	2 v Granville	0
H. McKissock	E. Aitchison	
S. Montgomery (Capt)	J. Rigby	
E. Pont	W. Mace	
J. Bradley	S. Daley	
Harry Spurway	W. Edwards	
J. S. Dey	G. Clarke	
J. Hain (1)	G. Dunn	
G. McFarlane	Stan Bourke	
J. Smith	H. Kimberly	
R. Kyle (1)	A. Jones	
H. Robertson	A. Waldron	

Referee Fred Harvey (Newcastle)

State President Mr. S. Stack presented the Cup.

1928

Gardiner Challenge Cup

***Would you please, that due to the Breakaway some of these matches would not be played.

The nomination of teams are as follows. Corrimal, Balgownie, Balmain, Eastern Suburbs, Canterbury, Pyrmont, South Sydney, Cardiff, West Wallsend, Auburn, Helensburg North Sydney, Thirroul, Wallsend Royals, Holmesville, New Lambton, Adamstown, Kurri Kurri, Cessnock, Weston, St. George, Newcastle, Annandale, Leichhardt, Gladesville, Ryde, Aberdare, Metters.

Preliminary Round.
Corrimal

2 v Holmesville 1

Round.1

Balgownie
Balmain
Adamstown2 v New Lambton 1
5 v Eastern Suburbs 3
2 v Canterbury 2

Replay

Adamstown
Pyrmont
Cardiff
West Wallsend
Helensburg2 v Canterbury 1
3 v South Sydney 0
3 v Wallsend Royals 0
3 v Auburn 0
3 v North Sydney 1

Thirroul won on forfeit from Corrimal

Round.2

Thirroul

1 v Helensburg 1

Replay

Thirroul
West Wallsend
Pyrmont
Balmain1 v Helensburg 0
7 v Cardiff 3
1 v Adamstown 0
2 v Balgownie 1

Semi Finals

Thirroul
Pyrmont2 v West Wallsend 0
1 v Balmain 0Gardiner Challenge Cup Final
Bodes Ground Wollongong 22/9/1928

Thirroul

E. Chilby

C. Taylor

H. Mitchell

W. H. Casson

E. Gowans

C. Orr

J. Seath(1)

E. Love

R. Griffiths

J. Hamilton

A. E. Rhodes(1)

3 v Pyrmont

Verity

Robinson

O'Toole(O/G)

Turner

Richards

Alf Quill →

Hill

Cohen

Callaghan

Booth

Doig/Simms

Referee A. Lane(Newcastle)

President Sid Storey of the State Association presented the Gardiner Cup for the last time.



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1929

Gardiner Challenge Cup

*** Would you please note.

That the 1928 season was the year of the great Breakaway., and the NSW British Association did continue with the Gardiner Challenge Cup, contrary to the belief of some people.

Auburn won it's way to the Final

Thirroul and Balgownie qualified to meet in the other Semi Final, Both Clubs refused to meet.

Both Clubs Thirroul and Balgownie were then judged to have forfeited".

Auburn, then forfeited, taking the view that they did not wish to win the Gardiner Challenge Cup Final on a forfeit.

Many matches were not played during the series.

End of Series

The History Of The English Cup

The F.A Cup was brought into being by the following resolution, passed at a meeting of the Football Association on July 20 1871-"That it is desirable that a challenge cup should be established in connection with the Association, for which all clubs should be invited to compete."

This resolution was confirmed on October 16, when a further meeting was held, and the Cup was bought for £25 Pounds. This money was subscribed by the competing clubs. Little did the founders think that the new competition which they had launched would in the future stir up interest all over the world, and attract well over 100000 spectators to a final tie.

In season 1871-72 the competition opened. The fifteen clubs forward with entries were Barnes, Civil Service, Crystal Palace, Clapham Rovers, Dennington School (Spalding) Hampstead Heathens, Harrow Chequers, Hitchin, Maidenhead, Marlow, Queens Park (Glasgow) Reigate Priory, Royal Engineers, Upton Park, Wanderers.

Of these fifteen, three scratched, and Queens Park were excused until the semi final, when they were called to the oval. They drew, but withdrew instead of travelling South again for the replay. The first final was fought between Wanderers and Royal Engineers at Kennington Oval on March 16 1872. Wanderers won 1.0 and were thus first holders of the trophy.

Wanderers Sporting Action

Although the entries in the next season fell by one, succeeding years saw the number of clubs mount up as clubs from Sheffield and Lancashire were drawn by this powerful magnet.

Wanderers were the "hot" team of those early days. By 1877-78 they registered their fifth win, and as it was their third successive triumph they became owners of the Cup. This was not the end of the trophy, however, for the Wanderers handed back the Cup to be fought for annually.

The year after the Wanderers fifth success, entries had grown to such an extent that the competing clubs were paired off in geographical divisions in the earlier rounds.

Included in these entries was a number of Lancashire clubs and right dour and determined cup-fighters they proved (and still are proving) to be.

Blackburn Rovers won through to the final in 1882, but were overcome by Old Etonians. Next year saw Blackburn Olympic give the k.o to Old Etonians, and this final of 1882-83 signalled the last final appearance of a Southern team till Southampton appeared in the 1899-1900 tie.

Blackburn Rovers held the trophy for three consecutive years 1883-84, 1884-85, 1885-86 and to commemorate the feat a special trophy was awarded them.

The third win of the Rovers brought still another change to the final history. The first meeting between Blackburn Rovers and West Bromwich Albion in 1885-86, ended in a draw, and the replay was staged at Derby.

This was the first occasion the final tie was played outside London.

Exemptions For The Stronger Clubs

Still the number of clubs entering was mounting up, and by 1886-87 the figure reached 150. This necessitated big changes, and a scheme was adopted whereby the more powerful clubs were excused playing with the weaker clubs in the earlier rounds.

The country was divided into ten sections, and the club in each division played until one was left. The ten winners then joined 22 exempted clubs (which included the finalists of the previous year's competition). These 32 clubs then competed in the Competition Proper.

This arrangement continued until 1905-06, when the exempted clubs were increased to 52 and the number of divisions to twelve, making 64 clubs in the Competition Proper. In later years further increases were made in the qualifying stage, until 24 divisions were required. The biggest change took place in 1925-26 when a new exemption scheme was brought into force.

This necessitated the qualifying competition starting in November instead of January, as was the case previously.

As the popularity of the game grew the F.A. found that the ground of the Surrey Cricket Club at Kennington Oval, where the finals were being staged, was not big enough. As no other ground was available in London at the time, the 1892-93 final was played at Fallowfield Athletic ground Manchester.

Next came Crystal Palace finals, from 1894-95 to 1913-14 (with several replays in the provinces during that time)

Enormous crowds were housed in the enclosure. The appearance of Tottenham Hotspurs and Sheffield United in 1901 drew the first six-figure crowd, 110,820 gathering to see the "Spurs emerge victorious.

Finances Of The Ties.

Under the present-day rules the qualifying gates are divided equally between the two clubs.

In the competition Proper rounds up to the semi finals the F.A. claim 5 per cent; and the balance is divided between the two clubs. In the semi finals (except replays, when the F.A. and the clubs take one-third each) the gates are pooled—one-fifth going to the Association, and the remainder to the four clubs. The final tie drawings are divided. one-third to the F.A. and one-third to each club.

In 1910-11, when the Rt. Hon. Lord Kinnsaird completed 21 years as president of the F.A. the Council presented him with the Cup. This was not the original trophy, but a replica. The first Cup was stolen while on show in a Birmingham shop window in 1895, when Aston Villa were holders

The first final to be played at Wembley will ever remain in the memory of all who were present. In connection with the Empire Exhibition of 1924, a fine new stadium, capable of holding some 125,000 spectators, had been built.

The F.A. played the 1925 final between Bolton Wanderers and West Ham United on this ground.

Never have there been such scenes at a match. Long before the kick off the gates were closed, but many thousands of disappointed fans clamoured at the turnstiles and barriers and swept on to the field.

After this unprecedented scene the F.A. took steps to avoid a repetition of that day, and from 1924 onwards admission to Wembley finals has been by ticket only.